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Yves Beaucage took the Concordia Stingers from rags to riches in his first year as head coach in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union. Yves surprised the so-called experts by leading the Stingers to a 15-7 league record, sixth place in the C.I.A.U. National rankings and a second place finish in the Ontario University Athletic Association East Division.

Concordia's line-up included 8 rookies and five second-year players and their inexperience showed early in the season. The Stingers managed just three wins in their first twelve games. But Beaucage remained calm, and continued to stress the importance of fundamentals to his team.

The Stingers responded with a 14-5 streak (14-4 in league play) which enabled them to gain a first round bye in the league playoffs and earned Beaucage Coach of the Year honours.

Beaucage is considered one of the top young coaches on the university hockey scene. He began his coaching career with the McGill hockey program in 1985 and served three years as a full-time assistant.

Before joining the coaching ranks, Beaucage was a star forward in the early '80's. He holds several team records and was the team captain during the 1983-84 season. Following graduation, he coached professional hockey in France for one year.